

DIVERSION SCHEME IS DEADLOCKED

Owners Refuse to Sell Land for Appomattox Project.

MAY BE CONDEMNED BY COURT

George W. Phillips Acquitted of Charges Against Him—Manchester Water Committee to Inspect the Filtering Plant.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

PETERSBURG, VA., August 6.—The desire of property holders to secure prices far in excess of the value of their lands will retard many months the diversion of the freshet water in Appomattox River. The purpose of the plan for which Congress recently appropriated \$200,000 is to carry the freshet water in Appomattox River through the old channel, leaving the new channel for navigation purposes alone, and thus prevent any filling of the channel from freshets.

The United States engineers, now in Petersburg making plans and specifications, had that about 150 acres of marsh land will be necessary to carry out the plans. This land was formerly an old river channel, and is now a marsh that is flooded by every tide. The engineers have offered the owners \$25 per acre for the land, and this offer was quickly refused. Should the government have to pay what the owners ask for their lands the entire appropriation will be taken up in the purchase of land, and Congress would have to make another appropriation if the work is to go on. What steps will be taken in the matter cannot now be said.

It is very likely, however, that the District Court will order a condemnation commission.

Miss Edith Pilcher, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Pilcher, of Petersburg, is extremely ill with typhoid fever, at her parents' home, in this city. She is not expected to live.

The Southern Female College in Petersburg, Professor A. K. Davis, president, has just issued one of the handsomest and most attractive catalogues of the season.

REGISTRARS TO MEET.

The registrars in Petersburg will meet in a few days, and the board from each ward will elect a chairman and secretary, after which the chairman will agree upon the time for the new registration.

The Manchester Water Committee will visit Petersburg to inspect the filtering plant in this city.

Mr. Herbert P. Harrison has returned from a trip to the New England States, and Nova Scotia.

Mr. H. V. Parham, deputy clerk of the Corporation Court in Petersburg, is visiting in New York City.

Mr. W. L. Prince, formerly of Sussex county, but now of Richmond, spent last night with friends in Petersburg.

Miss Helen Donnan, of Richmond, is visiting her brother, Mr. M. K. Donnan, in Petersburg.

The Uniform Rank Knights of Pythias will drill to-night.

Messrs. R. L. Bowman, Fred Heinemann and Charles Heinemann will go to Salt Lake City to attend the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Elks. They will visit the Pacific coast before their return to Petersburg.

Mr. Wallace Collier, who was seriously injured in a street car accident last July, is rapidly improving, and will soon leave the hospital.

A force of nearly a hundred hands is at work repairing the break in the trunk of the Upper Appomattox canal. The repairs will be completed by the first of next week.

A trolley ride from Petersburg to Richmond was given over the Richmond and Petersburg Electric Railway last night.

The Second Baptist Church will give an excursion to Norfolk, Ocean View and Virginia Beach Thursday, August 14th. Messrs. E. W. Alley, R. A. Talmage and J. J. Gardner are in charge.

Mr. C. J. Cabaniss has returned to Petersburg after a visit to her sister in Norfolk.

Mrs. Juliette Wyatt and daughter, of Richmond, are visiting in Petersburg.

Mr. R. M. Woody has returned from Nova Scotia.

Rev. L. W. Guyer, of Petersburg, is assisting the pastor at a protracted meeting at Oakland Church in Dinwiddie county.

The three councils of Junior Order United American Mechanics and the two councils of Daughters of Liberty held a picnic at Dinwiddie Courthouse to-day.

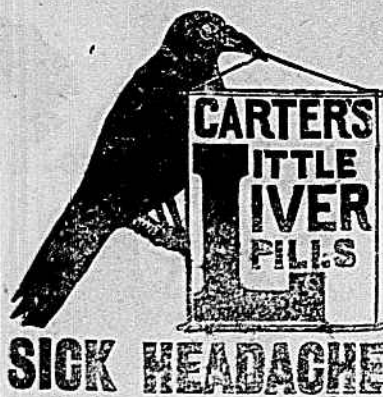
George W. Phillips, the young man brought here to answer the charge of stealing money and jewelry from Mrs. Jessie P. Lambert, was acquitted in the Mayor's Court, the charge not being sustained.

Dr. Preston Hay, who was brought to his home in this city from Williamsburg last Saturday ill with fever, is getting on nicely.

Alexandria Bond Issue.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

ALEXANDRIA, VA., August 6.—The committee having charge of the design for the new \$50,000 bonds for public im-



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Improvements to be issued shortly, have decided to have an engraving of former Mayor John B. Smoot on their instead of an engraving of the City Hall. The contract for the work has been awarded to Ahern and Company, of Baltimore.

STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY

It Will Meet at Newport News on September 23.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Aug. 6.—Arrangements are being made for the entertainment of the largest body that Newport News has yet been called upon to extend her hospitality—the Medical Society of Virginia. This society meets here in annual convention on September 23d. The session will be an unusually important one, and the attendance, consequently, will be unusually large. It is believed that not less than five hundred physicians will be in attendance, and it is probable that the number will go as high as six hundred. This is the largest number of the ladies who will accompany the physicians, or of the manufacturing agents and instrument men who are always out in force upon such occasions.

The feminine members of the families of the local physicians have with splendid energy arranged a full and sufficient size to enable them to entertain the visiting ladies handsomely, even elaborately. A much larger sum, of course, will be required for the entertainment of the physicians, and the local doctors are now hard at work trying to raise the sum needed. Most of the money will go for the banquet, which will cost not less than \$1,000. The total needed will be not less than \$1,500. This is the largest enterprise that Newport News has undertaken. She has already made quite a reputation in the matter of entertaining conventions, and there is no doubt that this reputation will be sustained in the present instance.

THE COUPLE RETURN

Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Return from Washington—Chester Notes.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

CHESTER, VA., August 6.—Mr. Palmer, of Petersburg, and Miss Mazie Jeffs, of this place, who left this village on Monday evening in company with Miss Annie Jeffs, presumably to visit Richmond, and who eluded Miss Annie Jeffs in the city, and did not return here, telegraphed on yesterday from Washington, that they were married there on Monday night.

At first it was thought to be a ruse by some, as Mr. Palmer had been a telegraph operator here, and one that could use the wire at any place; but this afternoon they returned to the village, man and wife. The bride is the daughter of Mr. J. Jeffs, a builder here, and is a pretty blonde.

Superintendent William A. Blankenship completed the examination for teachers of the white schools here to-day.

The Richmond and Petersburg electric cars are making the time between Manchester and Petersburg now in fifty minutes, including stops—as rapid as the fastest steam local trains.

CHARLOTTESVILLE FIREMEN

They Elect Officers and Talk Over Portsmouth Trip.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., August 6.—At the regular meeting of the Charlottesville Fire Department, held last evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Chief, T. J. Williams; First Warden, H. Balz; Second Warden, Carroll Payne; Third Warden, Harvey Hall; Fire Marshal, W. P. Pendergast; Secretary and Treasurer, E. A. Balz; Drivers, Walker Payne and H. S. Thomas; Commander, J. Vincent Perley.

The expected trip to the State Firemen's Convention at Portsmouth, beginning August 27th, was discussed, and J. V. Perley was appointed a committee of one to look into the details. The company may carry thirty men. A large number of citizens will also attend.

WILCOX CASE

Council for Prosecution Thinks He Will Get No New Trial.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

NORFOLK, VA., August 6.—District Attorney A. B. Ward, of Elizabeth City, N. C., who was counsel for the prosecution in the Wilcox trial, was here to-day. Mr. Ward does not believe that Wilcox will obtain a new trial from the Supreme Court. The motion for a new trial will be considered this month. There is no discussion in Elizabeth City regarding the famous case.

Mr. Wm. V. Gilles, clerk in the hardware store of J. I. Overby, is now sick at his home in the county, with what appears to be typhoid fever.

A very delightful dance was given by the young men on Monday night at "The Sims House," now occupied by Mrs. Walter Payne. The occasion was in honor of Mr. Danridge Payne, who is visiting his mother and sister here. Music was furnished by the Chatham string band. Quite a number of couples were present and the cool evening added very much to the comfort and pleasure of all.

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MANY PAPERS READ TO THE DENTISTS

Their Annual Meeting to Close This Morning.

THE TIDEWATER ASSOCIATION

Fine Attendance and Interesting Exercises—Gratifying Reports Made.

The Women's Board. Came as Showaway

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., August 6.—The second day's session of the Virginia Dental Association was an interesting one. Valuable papers were read, as follows: "Dental Education, Literature and Nomenclature," by Dr. F. F. Thompson, of Fredericksburg; "Corcoran Inlay," by Dr. H. E. Kelsey, of Baltimore; "Porcelain Work," by Dr. George E. Hardy, of Baltimore; "Replantation Treatment of Abscess, use of Cocaine," by Dr. George L. Wilson, of New York.

The day was devoted to a discussion of these papers. The convention will adjourn in the morning, after electing officers, and after adjournment will come over from Old Point on a special and visit Newport News.

TIDEWATER ASSOCIATION.

The attendance upon the Tidewater Association of the Disciples' Church, in session at Hampton, is the largest in the history of the body. The devotional service this morning was conducted by Rev. D. E. Motley, of Washington. The roll call showed every church in the district represented. President J. L. Hill, of Richmond, is presiding. Rev. Dr. F. D. Power, of Washington, was to have opened the convention with an address on education, but he is ill in Newport News and could not be present.

The treasurer's report showed \$1,533.75 raised for the evangelizing fund. A lively discussion followed the motion of Dr. Williamson, of the Richmond Female Seminary, to appoint a small auditing committee, instead of the regular committee of one from each church. It was carried, but afterwards withdrawn on account of opposition.

The afternoon devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. W. T. Troy, Jr., of Clifton Forge. The entire session was consumed by Dr. Motley's masterful address on "Greatness." The features of the night session were the sermons by Rev. H. C. Garrison, of Danville, Ky.

THE WOMAN'S BOARD.

The Woman's Board held its last meeting this morning, twenty-four auxiliaries reporting, with a membership of 236. The children have twelve mission bands, with a membership of 330. The feature of the meeting was an address on "The Dignity of Womanhood," by Mrs. Cepheus Shelburne, of Roanoke. Officers were elected as follows: President, Miss Ellen Kent, Louisa; district organizer, Mrs. Cepheus Shelburne, Roanoke; district manager, Mrs. R. S. Taylor, James City; secretary, Miss Gillie Cary, Richmond.

KEPT QUIET MANY DAYS.

The British steamship Lord Erne arrived this morning from Dublin, via Baltimore, with Mrs. Ratcliffe, a showaway, wife of the vessel's cook, who was not discovered until the vessel had been at sea twenty-five days. They will live here.

The Liberty Silk Company, of New York, is the name of the firm which is to establish a silk mill here. The entire factory required the citizens of Newport News has been raised, and the deal is closed. Johnstown, Pa., was after the plant.

The United States monitor Arkansas has arrived at the Barron Island trial course in the Chesapeake Bay, where she will be given an official speed trial to-day. This completed, she will then go to sea and be put through a series of tests to determine her general seaworthiness.

A FIGHT AT CHATHAM

Robert Snyder in a Serious Condition as a Result—Personal Notes.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

CHATHAM, VA., August 6.—On account of bad feeling which has been existing for a long time between Roger Snyder and a man named Dalton, the two became involved in a quarrel on last Thursday which resulted in Snyder receiving three severe blows inflicted by Dalton's son. One in the face fell him to the ground and before Snyder could regain his footing Dalton dealt him two very severe blows on the head with a brake handle. From the effects of this Snyder was laid in a very serious condition at the home of Mr. Thomas Johnson, in the county.

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white people. On Thursday and Friday the colored school teachers of the county will be examined.

Mrs. Henry G. Haines lies desperately ill at her home near Mineola. Dr. George L. Smith, her physician, wired Dr. Rowley W. Martin, of Lynchburg, on Tuesday, requesting him to come to consult with him.

Rev. Charles E. Elmore began a series of meetings at Shera Church on Sunday night to last several days. Mr. and Mrs. Elmore have very recently returned from the Healing Springs.

Miss Susie K. Moon left on Tuesday to join her mother at Yellow Sulphur Springs, whence she will go to Bristol, Tenn., to spend the remainder of the summer.

The Wednesday Afternoon Club will on Wednesday evening be entertained at the home of Miss Lizzie Coleman.

Two wagons belonging to the county road machines are daily hauling rock to improve the streets, which are being substantially paved with brick, which is being pushed in all directions.

Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Hall, of Bardman, N. C., are guests at the latter's mother's, near here.

Miss Maye Johnson, of Raleigh, N. C. is visiting Miss Bessie Tredway.

Messrs. E. S. Reed, Jr., of Eastman College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and Danridge Payne, of Roanoke, Va., are visiting relatives here.

THE NEWS OF LOUISA

Preparing for a Corner-Stone Laying. Burial of Dr. May.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

LOUISA, VA., Aug. 6.—F. T. West, superintendent of county schools, was engaged yesterday and to-day in examining a large number of teachers, the majority of whom were young men who have never taught before in the public schools. To-morrow and next day is set for the examination of colored teachers.

Day Admiration, No. 3, and the members of Macedonia Church are making grand preparations for the corner-stone laying of that church on the 13th instant. Past Grand Master of Virginia, R. T. W. Duke, of Charlottesville, will be the chief speaker.

Notable among the other speakers will be Judge F. W. Sims of Louisa.

The remains of Dr. J. N. May, reached here at the hotel here Sunday afternoon and were buried with Masonic honors Monday morning at the home of his parents near Oakland, in this county.

The Louisa Hotel and all the private boarding-houses are filling up rapidly with guests for the hot season. Among those at the hotel are: Mr. and Mrs. George M. Turner and Mrs. Laura Seger, of Portsmouth; Mr. and Mrs. T. Q. Thompson, of Savannah, Ga.

Mrs. Byron Bear and child, Mrs. Theodore Nelson and two sons, Mrs. and Miss Christian, Master Langdon Christian, Miss B. E. Peticola and sister, Miss Rosalie and Etta Thalhimer, Miss Lena Miller, Mr. Isaac Syels, R. E. Jones, Jr., Mr. B. E. Peticola and sister, Miss Blackie, of Richmond, Va.; John Van Lew, of Needles, Cal.; H. B. Smith, of Tullahoma, Pa., and A. M. Richardson, of New York.

Mrs. L. J. Hillman while sewing on a machine this morning had the thumb of her right hand caught under the presser foot, and the needle was driven entirely through and broken off in the flesh, inflicting a very painful wound.

STAUNTON AFFAIRS

Beautiful Entertainment for Charity—Gun Club to Hold Shoot.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

STAUNTON, VA., Aug. 6.—The beautiful fairy spectacle "Enchantment," which was presented at the Staunton Opera House on Monday and Tuesday nights for the benefit of the King's Daughters Hospital, was beyond doubt the most beautiful entertainment ever given in Staunton. On Monday and Tuesday nights all the seats were taken long before the play began, and the house was packed.

Owing to the great demand for seats on these nights, which could not be filled, the committee decided to give another performance to-night, and there is hardly a vacant seat.

At the meeting of the City Council last night, permission was given to the Staunton Gun Club to use the fair grounds on Thursday of each week for the purpose of holding shooting matches.

The club will begin practice at once, and during September will hold a shoot, in which clubs from different cities will be invited to take part.

It was decided at the meeting of Stone-wall Jackson Camp last night to have a lawn party in the city on the first Thursday night in September, the proceeds for the benefit of the old Confederate veterans.

REUNION IN THE VALLEY

Ten Thousand Veterans Gather at Fisher's Hill—Col. Young the Orator.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

WOODSTOCK, VA., August 6.—The Confederate reunion of the Valley of Virginia, which was held at Fisher's Hill, on Saturday, under the auspices of Stover Camp, C. V. of Strasburg, was attended by the largest crowd ever gathered on those historic grounds. Fully ten thousand persons attended and spent the day among the groves immediately surrounding the pavilion.

Colonel Bennett E. Young, of Louisville, Ky., was the orator of the day and was followed by Grand Commander Colonel Thomas H. Smith, of Charlottesville, and Colonel W. H. Henry, of Suffolk, Va., an aide, Grand Chaplain Rev. J. P. Hyde, of Winchester, opened the services by a short prayer.

The fifty-third annual convention of the Disciples of the Valley District of Virginia, will convene here on Thursday, August 14th, and continue in session until Sunday night. Col. E. Buckley, of Woodstock, is moderator of the convention, which position he has held for about twelve consecutive years.

KILLED THE HOGS THAT MAD DOG BIT

A Fairfax Farmer Has to Pursue This Course.

REV. MR. OWENS ORDAINED

An Interesting Ceremony at the Potomac Baptist Church—Subscription to Railroad Bonds to Be Tested.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., August 6.—A mad dog in Stafford county bit a number of hogs belonging to Mr. W. E. Corson before it could be shot. Mr. Corson afterwards shot all of the hogs.

George W. Schaefer, Jr., colored, who was arrested on the charge of having attacked Miss Minnie Schepmoen in a hammock on her back porch at night some time ago, has been released, as there was not sufficient evidence against him to bring him to trial. The man has borne a good reputation, and it is not believed that he was connected with the case.

MINISTER ORDAINED.

Rev. Richard Owens, son of Rev. W. W. Owens, was ordained to the ministry at Potomac Baptist Church, in King George county, on Sunday, with appropriate ceremonies. The presbytery consisted of Revs. W. W. Owens, J. W. T. McNeill, J. Jones and J. R. Thomas. Rev. Mr. McNeill preached the ordination sermon. Rev. W. W. Owens presented the Bible, and the charge was delivered by Mr. McNeill. A feature of the occasion was the sweet solos rendered by Mrs. Grigsby, of Washington.

At a tournament at Spotsylvania Court-house, in which about a dozen knights competed, the first prize, a handsome saddle, was won by Mr. Glen Roy Harris, the second prize by Mr. William Lewis and the third prize went to Mr. Zebulon Payne and the fourth to Mr. Channing Graves.

A large excursion party under the auspices of the Rappahannock tribe of Red Men, of this city, left here to-day on a steamer of the Weems line for Leeds-town, where the day will be spent, the crowd returning here on the steamer Northumberland at a late hour to-night.

TEST THE SUBSCRIPTION.

The test case to be made by those opposed to the subscription of \$50,000 by the county of Culpeper to the capital stock of the Fredericksburg and Rappahannock Railroad, which was postponed, will be set for August 15th. Much interest is felt in the outcome of the case.

Judge Erskine M. Ross, formerly of Culpeper county, now a prominent jurist of California, is being urged as California candidate for the office of judge on the next national Democratic ticket.

The registration boards of this city met here to-day and organized as follows: Upper Ward—Colonel E. D. Cole, chairman; J. J. Berrey, secretary. Lower Ward—A. W. Embrey, chairman; J. W. McNeill, secretary. The day for receiving registrations was agreed upon, to begin early in September.

Mr. J. W. Hurley has about completed his large oyster and tomato packing house at Urbana, which will be one of the best plants of the kind on the Rappahannock River. The shucking room will accommodate 150 shuckers, and the floor, which is of cement, cost \$500. The cost for the building will be \$3,000.

Commissioners of Matheis and Gloucester counties, appointed to examine the bridge across Dragon Creek, between Saluda and Glens, have pronounced it unsafe, and recommend the building of a new structure, to cost about \$25,000.

Mr. Frank Thompson has sold his farm near Botetown to Mr. W. M. Woods, of Tennessee, for \$8,000, and Mr. John G. Carter has sold his fine farm near Belmont, in Spotsylvania county, to H. F. Brown, of Dubois, Pa.

PRETTY FARMVILLE WEDDING

Mrs. Mattie A. Williamson Becomes the Bride of Mr. Trible.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

FARMVILLE, VIRGINIA, August 6.—A fashionable wedding, in which Farmville and Baltimore society were especially interested, occurred this morning at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Paulett, when their eldest daughter, Mrs. Mattie A. Williamson, became the bride of Mr. John E. Trible, of Baltimore. The parlor was beautifully decorated with cut flowers and potted plants, shaded by lamps.

Promptly at 9:30 o'clock the bride, attired in a handsome tailor-made suit of blue etamine, trimmed with medallion lace and blue ribbon, entered the parlor, leaning on the arm of her father, Mr. R. S. Paulett, followed by the groom.

The ceremony was impressively performed by Rev. T. N. Potts, D. D., of the Methodist Church.

Misses Alice Paulett and Hattie Bugg were waiters, both carrying beautiful bouquets of flowers.

After receiving many congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Trible repaired to the depot and took the 10:47 o'clock train for an extended bridal tour. They will be at their home in Baltimore after the 15th of September.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. R. S. Paulett, a prominent commission merchant of this city, and is immensely popular, while the groom is a wealthy retired notion merchant of Baltimore and is well known to the society of this city.

RATES NOT UNREASONABLE

Interesting Decision in Famous Tobacco Case from Danville.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

DANVILLE, VA., August 6.—The opinion of Hon. Henry C. McDowell, judge of the United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia, has been handed down in the case of the Interstate Commerce Commission vs. the Seaboard Railway Company, which has been pending in the United States Circuit Court for the past two years.

The gravamen of complaint in the bill is the disparity in the freight rates at Lynchburg and at Danville. There is also complaint as to tobacco rates.

The bill was because of the fact that Lynchburg and Richmond have a much cheaper rate on this class of goods than has Danville.

The suit was originally brought by the city of Danville vs. the Southern Railway Company before the Interstate Commerce Commission. The commission rendered judgment against the defendant and ordered the sales changed. This the company refused to do. The commission then filed its bill in equity to enforce the order made.

The finding of the court upon the evidence was that the Danville rates are not unreasonably high. The decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission was reversed and the bill dismissed with costs.

New Registrars Named.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

EAST RADFORD, VA., Aug. 6.—The House went to-day upon the registration of new registrars for the year 1902.

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NEGRO ACQUITTED IN PRINCE WILLIAM

Feeling Against Him so Strong That Upon Advice of Counsel He Will Not Return Home.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

MANASSAS, VA., August 6.—In the County Court of Prince William county William Roane (colored) was to-day found not guilty of the murder of Mr. William Smith. It will be remembered that on the 27th day of last April Smith was mysteriously disappeared from his home near Woodbridge, Prince William county. All traces as to his whereabouts remained unknown until about a week after his disappearance, when his dead body was found in the woods about four miles from his home. The coroner with his jury held an inquest, and came to the conclusion that Smith had been murdered, but by some unknown party or parties.